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SUBJECT: OPIUM: CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ACTION ON AID TO TURKEY

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1. AT LEAST SIX AUGUST 2 PAPERS HAD ARTICLES ABOUT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ACTION RELATED TO POSSIBLE CUTOFF OF AID TO TURKEY AS RESULT OF LIFTING OPIUM POPPY BAN.

2. MILLIYET BASED ITS STORY ON ANATOLIAN AGENCY AND OTHER STORIES ARE SIMILAR. HEADLINE SAID HOUSE HAS "APPROVED A RESOLUTION AGAINST US". ARTICLE COMBINED REPORT THAT FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAD PASSED RESOLUTION "CALLING FOR DISCONTINUATION OF AID TO TURKEY ON GROUNDS THAT TURKEY RESUMED OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION" WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ACTION BY BANKING COMMITTEE, SPONSORED BY CONGRESSMAN RINALDO, CALLING FOR END TO EX-IM BANK LOANS TO TURKEY. ARTICLES NOTED FORMER WAS "SENSE OF CONGRESS" RESOLUTION AND REFERRED TO IT AS "WOLFF RESOLUTION". ON RINALDO PROPOSAL, ARTICLES DID

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QUOTE CONGRESSMAN THOMAS REES (CALIF) AS SAYING "THIS IS JUST

SHAKING YOUR FIST IN THE AIR AND WILL NOT PREVENT CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPY IN TURKEY".

3. HURRIEYT STORY, FROM ITS OWN AGENCY (THA), CLAIMS COMMITTEE ACTION ASKS PRESIDENT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH GOT AT HIGHEST LEVEL TO "PREVENT PLANTING OF OPIUM POPPY" AND IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO USE AID CUTOFF POWERS GRANTED TO HIM BY FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LAW.

4. COMMENT: ABOVE REFLECTS SOME CONFUSION OVER WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED. WE ASSUME PRESS IS REFERRING TO ACTIONS DESCRIBED

IN REF A. WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THOSE CORRECT FACTS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA.
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